

Headteacher's email to parents**Thursday 9th November 2023**

Hello Everyone,

As part of our Remembrance Day commemorations, we are inviting any students from Scouts, Cadets, or similar uniformed groups to wear their uniform at school all day on Friday 10th November.

It's important that we know what all stakeholders think of our school so, as part of the ongoing process, student voice surveys have gone out to all students, and we'd love as many replies as possible.

Our response to the winter weather continues and our new Key Stage 3 packed lunch room opens on Monday. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 may eat there.

For our Year 11 students, it's mock exam time, Examinations start on Monday and this year group, who were absolutely superb in the end-of-year mock examinations in Year 10 have been well-briefed and well-prepared, so we look forward to seeing their confidence in their knowledge grow as they take part in this important assessment.

Huge congratulations to our wonderful school choir who, skilfully led by Mrs McGrath, have made it through to the next stage of the Durham Music Service Secondary School Choir competition. This round will take place on 6th December at St Cuthbert's Chapel in Ushaw Historic House. We wish them all the luck in the world!

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